THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) As on date 26 coal blocks have been allocated to private parties in the command area of Western Coalfields Ltd.

(b) The company-wise details of coal blocks allotted during the last two years in the command area of WCL are as given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Party	Date of Allotment	Block allocated	Coal fields	State	End-Use	Geological Reserves Mt
1.	Gupta Metallics & Power Ltd.,	13.01.2006	Nerad-Malegaon	Wardha	Maharashtra	Sponge Iron	19.5
2.	Gupta Coalfields & Washeries Ltd.,	13.01.2006	Nerad Malegaon	Wardha	Maharashtra	Sponge Iron	
3.	Chaman Metaliks Ltd.	20.02.2007	Kosar-Dongergaon	Wardha	Maharashtra	Sponge Iron	22.51
4.	Bhatia International Ltd.	20.02.2007	Warora West (North)	Wardha	Maharashtra	Sponge Iron	10
5.	Prism Cement Limited	29.05.2007	Sial-Ghoghri	Wardha	Madhya Pradesh	Cement	30.38
6.	SKS Ispat Limited	29.05.2007	Ravanwara North	Pench Kannan	Madhya Pradesh	Sponge Iron	174.07
7.	Pushp Steel & Mining Ltd.	16.07.2007	Brahampuri	Pench Kannan	Madhya Pradesh	Sponge Iron	55.05
8.	Jaipraskash Associates Ltd.	17.09.2007	Mandla north	Pench Kannan	Madhya Pradesh	cement	194.96
9.	Adani Power Ltd.	06.11.2007	Lohara West & Lohara Extn.	Wardha	Maharashtra	Power	169.832

(c) Coal India Ltd. does not earn any revenue from coal blocks allotted to others.

Illegal transportation of coal

†2642. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of coal theft, illegal transportation of coal from Pench and Kanhan regions of Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh in past three years;

(b) the quantum and value of coal recovered in these cases, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against those found guilty; and

(d) the action being taken to check theft of coal in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) and (b) Theft of coal is carried out stealthily and clandestinely. As such, it is not possible to specify the exact quantum of coal stolen and losses incurred on account of theft of coal.

However, as per raids conducted by the security personnel as well as joint raids with the law and order authorities of the concerned State Government, the number of cases of coal

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theft, the quantity of coal recovered and its approximate value in the Pench and Kanhan Areas of Western Coalfields Limited in the past three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Area	No. of cases	Qty. of Coal (MT)	Amount (Rs. lakh) Approx.	FIR lodged	No. of persons arrested
1.	2005-06	Pench	-	-	-	-	--
		Kanhan	01	800	0.008	01	04
2.	2006-07	Pench	-	-	-	-	-
		Kanhan	02	24.000	0.240	02	02
3.	2007-08	Pench	05	55.650	0.909	05	11
		Kanhan	-	-	-	-	-

(c) FIRs are lodged by the units/area/Central Industrial Security Froce (CISF) officials whenever cases of theft/pilferage of coal are detected. After lodging of FIRs such prosecution cases are lauched and contested by the State Government/Police where warranted.

(d) Law and Order is a State subject. However, following steps are taken by coal companies to prevent theft/pilferage of coal and illegal mining:

(i) Check Posts have been established at the vulnerable points.

(ii) Wall fencing, light arrangements and deployment of armed guards round the clock has been done around the coal dumping yard.

(iii) Regular patrolling is conducted in and around the mine including Over Burdon (OB) dumps.

(iv) Regular FIRs are lodged by the Mangement of the collieries with local Thana against the pilferage/theft of coal.

(v) 125 CISF personnel have been deployed in Pench Area w.e.f. 16.10.2007 and efforts are on to deploy remaining 231 CISF personnel at in the Area.

(vi) Joint survey by CISF officials and Wstern Coalfields Limited officials has been carried out on 24th, 25th and 26th March, 2008 for deployment of CISF at Kanhan Area of the company.

Services to senior citizens and women consumers

†2643. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to provide appropriate services to senior citizens and women in metropolitan Delhi;

(b) the number of complaints received from them for not getting suitable services during the current year and the action taken thereto; and

(c) arrangements to be made to provide appropriate services to senior citizens and the women consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

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